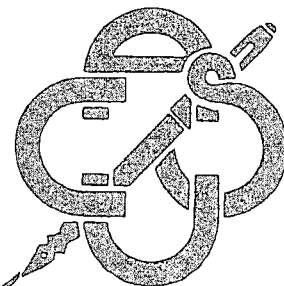


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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1991 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Jarno Makkonen, called this meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. even though quorum wasn't yet reached. He also asked all the directors to identify themselves.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Eleanor Brown
Charlene Nero

COMMERCE

Jimmy Elenakis
Nick Kaminaris
Kerry Schacter
Marc Tisseur

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Jennifer Dang-Tran (7:30 pm)
Sophie Desjardins
Hernani Farias
Christine Legault
Heidi Modro
Jamie Ross (7:20 pm)
Michael Spowart
Etoile Stewart (8:25 pm)
Phil Toone

ENGINEERING

Frank Pathyil

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 P.M.

Moved by: N. Kaminaris
Seconded by: C. Nero

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

UNANIMOUS

C. Nero said that the V.P. Communications, whose report falls under the Executive Summary, will not be able to attend until 8:15 p.m. and that a question period will follow upon her arrival.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: E. Brown

H. Farias asked to know what the status is of the minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 1990. The Chair replied that these minutes will be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair said that the Steering Committee is following up on the motion to have reports submitted in writing and that all committee chairs are reminded to have all reports submitted to Steering Committee.

The Chair informed everyone that once the Housing Service moves to its new location in room H-662 with the Job Bank, the Housing office will be converted into a meeting room for directors.

6. REPORTS

E. Brown said that in the third paragraph of the Co-Presidential report it states that VISAs will not be mailed out. She informed everyone that this will only apply if there is a mail strike.

E. Brown said that she attended the last FEUQ meeting where the assembled members voted in favor of increased tuition but did not have any concrete plan to push for increased financial aid for students who would be affected by

this.

N. Kaminaris asked to know what the "Dive" is in reference to the CUSAcorp report. D. Porter replied that the "dive" is a name change for the "Hive". He also said that this is business strategy decision that the CUSAcorp Board reached to widen the appeal. He also said that once the renovations are completed a publicity campaign will be launched.

M. Tisseur asked for clarification on the External report, on the passage stating that CUSA can't join the CFS. J. Brown replied that in order to be a member of the CFS you have to be a member of the single provincial association and each provincial association outside of Quebec is a member of CFS. J. Brown also said that CFS deemed it unwise for Quebec associations to be a part of CFS, primarily because CFS has a federalist orientation.

N. Kaminaris asked to know why no CUSAcorp minutes have been circulated as was mandated by this Board. He also asked to know why the carpet that was donated by the university to the Hive has been disposed of. D. Porter replied that there has been no meeting held of the CUSAcorp Board since the last CUSA meeting and that previous minutes will be attached to the upcoming report. He also said that the reason the carpet has been removed is because it was not appealing.

H. Farias suggested taking the funds that are given to ANEEQ and having this association perform its own lobbying with the government. He also asked to know why this association is looking for associations as opposed to setting principles that govern our external associations. J. Brown replied that in regards to options for ANEEQ they are included in the report and that various other options for ANEEQ and outside ANEEQ will be included in subsequent reports.

F. Pathyil asked to know if the five complaints registered for the handbook include the complaints launched with the Ombuds Office and the Dean of Students. C. Nero replied that M. Bradley will be arriving shortly to answer questions.

N. Kaminaris asked to know what the "trouble shooting" in the Co-Presidential report refers to. E. Brown that it involved moving furniture out of the Loyola bar, filling in for people who did not show up for shifts and filling in in other areas. L. Grimes said that herself and three others spent thirty hours stuffing the orientation bags and the handbooks.

H. Farias asked the V.P. External if he foresees a possible date when the principles that will govern the negotiations of this association with outside associations could be presented to this Board. J. Brown replied that this applies as much to the Board as it does to the V.P. External and that he would be more than happy to take recommendations from directors. He also said that it is not up to him to establish policies.

M. Spowart asked to know why A. O'Brien has not been acting as interim Comptroller. C. Nero replied that she has received nine applications for the position of Comptroller of which five are potentially qualified to do the job and that A. O'Brien underwent three days with B. Jones of orientation and has been available for trouble shooting. She also said that A. O'Brien's commitment to the Link has denied her the time to act as interim Comptroller. Charlene further added that she has been keeping a good set of books after having checked with the auditors and that she has

been checking with budgets and issuing out cheques to employees for CUSA and CUSAcorp. She also said that she hopes to schedule interviews for this position this weekend.

N. Kaminaris asked the V.P. Liaison if she could give a brief report. L. Grimes said that she has been scheduling meetings for all the clubs on every last Sunday of the month to discuss issues that are concerning everyone in order to improve communications between CUSA and the clubs. She also said that she has been occupied with moving furniture and getting clubs established.

L. Grimes said that the office of Student Life is planning on using the blue booth the end of September to distribute information concerning the affairs of Student Life and give students the opportunity to voice their concerns. She also said that the Mezzanine will be dedicated to having the clubs recruit new students.

M. Spowart asked L. Grimes if there are clubs awaiting ratification. L. Grimes replied that there are many clubs that require the attention of the Board but a Judicial Board is needed beforehand. E. Brown said that Judicial Board interviews will be held on Friday.

H. Farias asked L. Grimes if she is preparing to have the C.C.S.L. Caucus together. L. Grimes said that she is in the process of reviewing the applicants. She also said that the university is going to delay the first CCSL meeting since it is undergoing a re-evaluation process to allow for more student representation.

N. Kaminaris asked to know when the hiring for V.P. Student Life will take place as well as for the position of Comptroller. C. Nero replied that it is the mandate of the Personnel Committee to do the hiring for these positions. She also said that interviews for the position of Comptroller will take place next week and that B. Jones might be able to come in and answer any questions the incoming Comptroller may have.

H. Farias asked D. Henriette how many club budgets have been approved and how many are awaiting approval from the Finance Committee. D. Henriette replied that approximately 30 club budgets have been approved thus far.

E. Brown said that the Chair of the Computer Task Force has handed in his resignation. M. Tisseur said that he sent out a letter to all directors stating that he does not have the required time to devote to this committee.

M. Spowart asked if the association has received any legal papers from ex-employees of the association providing for possible court cases. C. Nero replied that the association is not subject to any legal suits and that a new agreement with the lawyer has been negotiated whereby he has agreed to handle all the association's legal requests under a single lump sum which is the budgeted amount. She further added that court costs are extra but that all other legal issues fall into one category. Charlene said that the lawyer has agreed to attend a Board of Directors meeting to answer any legal questions that directors may have.

C. Nero read a brief report from the 350th Celebrations Task Force Committee.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1A Constitutional Amendments: Article 5.2.2.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: F. Pathyil

H. Farias suggested submitting this motion to the CUSA lawyer to make sure that it is well worded.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

CARRIED

7.1B Ownership of Profit Making Companies

The Chair said that the exact wording shall be verified.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 21 of the CUSA Constitution be amended to read:...The association may own a profit sharing corporation.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

UNANIMOUS

7.2 Ratification of Orientation Co-Ordinator

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tisca Pratt be ratified as the Orientation Co-Ordinator for the 1991-92 term.

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: H. Farias

H. Farias said that several people were interviewed and that T. Pratt had the best qualifications.

T. Pratt said that J. Dales, K. Leahy and herself organized the Orientation activities and that Orientation started on September 4 and will continue until the end of the month. She also said that the turnout hasn't been the greatest

thus far but that she hopes that it will pick up in the next few days.

N. Kaminaris asked to know if J. Dales and K. Leahy were Orientation Co-Ordinators or members of the committee. H. Farias replied that the Hiring Committee decided that there would be one Co-Ordinator and two assistant Co-Ordinators and that this Board only has to ratify the Co-Ordinator.

M. Tisseur enquired about the mix up with the liquor license at Loyola. C. Nero replied that she was under the impression that CUSA would be sharing the space with Q-PIRG and that the Dean of Students was under the impression that the liquor license was to be used by any one of these groups at any particular time.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: J. Ross
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION

10/1/2

CARRIED

The Chair informed everyone that the V.P. Communications had arrived and that a question period would follow.

M. Spowart asked to know who authorized the introduction of the CUSA handbook, that being, providing a position by CUSA against the 350th and the 500th celebrations. M. Bradley replied that it is not an official position by CUSA and that in the introduction it is not stated as such. She also said that it is not attempt to represent the views of anybody or everybody on the Board. Maureen further added that it was her understanding that she was given the job to oversee the whole project and that she was informed by the Co-Presidents that she could deal with content as she saw fit. M. Bradley said that everything in the handbook is the expressed opinions of the authors.

M. Spowart said that the introduction of any book is a reflection of it. M. Bradley replied that everything in the book is a reflection of the authors' views and that they wanted to address certain historical problems. She also said that it seemed like a burning issue here at Concordia with Patrick Kenniff's position as the Chair of this committee.

C. Nero said that the opinion of the lawyer is that the publishers of the handbook are the Co-Presidents. She also said that the introduction was a decision reached by the handbook committee on the basis that they did not want to ghettoize the issue of anti-racism. Charlene further added that the handbook was put together in four weeks and that the Co-Presidents felt it would be best to allow the editorial committee to have the authority to do essentially the editorial content barring specific inaccuracies.

N. Kaminaris asked to know why there is no passage stating that it is the opinion of the authors and not the opinion of the entire association. M. Bradley replied that this would have had to be done for all the articles.

N. Kaminaris asked if any complaints have been received and the nature of them. M. Bradley replied that she received five complaints, one from the Irish Students Association for not getting a club listing because they were non-existent at the time, one from the History Students Association because of a computer error, a housing complaint to the effect that unnecessarily slandered certain neighborhoods of the city, one complaint regarding P. 165 and one complaint about the introduction.

M. Tisseur pointed out that the handbook is put out by CUSA and that it will cause a lot of controversy. M. Bradley replied that controversy is a positive thing and addresses some of the problems that exist in an educational institution. She also said that the reason she did not put out the names of the authors is to protect them.

M. Spowart said that it was complete negligence on the part of M. Bradley to put out that article as the introduction and has ghettoized every other section of the handbook as well. M. Bradley replied that certain people worked on certain sections of the handbook and that there was a lot of editorial power given over to the Lesbians and Gays involved who see it necessary to continue to ghettoize themselves and is the only way for them to obtain a voice. She also said that the women who wrote the Women's sections also chose to do the same for the same reasons. M. Bradley also said that she doesn't see a problem with the introduction as it only seems fit that this school that plays up on its progressive environment with the Rector taking credit for these issues without giving back anything positive for these groups.

H. Farias congratulated M. Bradley on the non-content of the handbook and the amount of money that was generated through the advertising. He also said that the layout enables one to read the handbook with ease. Hernani further added that the section on multiculturalism on P. 13 of the handbook is controversial.

F. Pathyil asked to know what the proper channels for addressing complaints against the handbook are. M. Bradley replied that complaints can be addressed to CUSA. F. Pathyil asked to know about the complaints that have gone through the Dean of Students Office and the Ombuds Office. M. Bradley replied that to her knowledge there haven't been any complaints launched to these offices and that she spoke to the Code Administrator who has yet to receive a complaint.

N. Kaminaris said that P. 165 is too offensive. M. Bradley said that she has done a lot of research on AIDS and has recently attended a conference at Concordia on the issue of gays and how to educate different cultural groups on this issue. She also said that gay men need different kind of information and that what one finds offensive is another individual's mode of sexual expression. She also said that this page was intended for the consumption of gay male readers and that no one is forced to read it.

E. Brown said that the handbook addresses everyone with all aspects of diversified issues and that if some people are upset with specific sections that weren't intended for them and that are intended for particular groups they are not forced to read them.

MOTION TO EXTEND DISCUSSION FOR 30 MINUTES

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: J. Ross

L. Grimes said that it is imperative that debate be extended and that the attitude of the Board be reflected by the end of this meeting on these controversies and approval of these issues.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND
DISCUSSION FOR 30 MINUTES**

13/1/0 CARRIED

H. Farias asked why the Board has not come out with a policy to properly distribute the handbooks and asked to know how many have been distributed thus far. M. Bradley said that 17,000 copies were printed and that they are going very fast. She also said that 2/3 of these copies were distributed at SGW and 1/3 at Loyola and that an equal number of copies remain at both campuses.

N. Kaminaris said that he has heard a lot of rumors that students are offended by this handbook and asked to know if the authors are prepared to defend themselves if legal action is taken. M. Bradley replied that she has contacted the Code Administrator who feels that no possible charges could be brought forward and that if someone tried to censor the handbook, CUSA would have a case against them. She also said that if the directors are worried about legal suits, the only people who could be charged are the publishers, the Co-Presidents and herself.

E. Brown said that she did research on the issue of legality before the handbook went to press.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Moved by: P. Toone
Seconded by: E. Brown

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES 8/4/2 CARRIED

J. Boyd, LGFC Co-Ordinator, addressed P. 165 and said that he has taken a few calls from people who have been concerned with this article. He also said that he took a call from a gay student who was angered with this page and that for a lot of people this page is representative of the gay community. Jason further added that the gay community is not one cohesive community and is as diverse as the heterosexual community. He also said that if a general consensus of all the students was taken one would never see any of these marginal groups being representative.

C. Nero said that she has spoken to seven representatives from the administration and they all commended the handbook highly and while they all acknowledged that it would be controversial, it is the best handbook that CUSA has put out in years. She also said that this Board should commend M. Bradley and the handbook committee for publishing a book that came out on time, that has 200 pages of concise information that addresses all students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors commend M. Bradley and the handbook committee for the 1991-92 handbook.

Moved by: C. Nero
Seconded by: E. Brown

E. Brown said that a lot of time went into the creation of this handbook and that it addresses all students on a broad range of topics.

M. Spowart said that although some parts of the handbook merit applause he finds it impossible to congratulate the whole effort due to the negligence of the introduction causing to distort CUSA's perception of the 350th Celebrations.

K. Schacter asked to know why a lot of active CUSA clubs weren't included in the handbook and how CUSA intends on informing students that these clubs are active. M. Bradley replied that there was only one file that was lost whereby a club was active. She also said that the only problem with a club was with Friends of Ireland and that L. Grimes, at the time, informed her that this group was inactive. M. Bradley said that she sent out a memo in March and two more in April letting clubs know that submissions for the handbook would be needed as soon as possible. She also said that after she received all the club submissions she consolidated with L. Grimes on the status of these club submissions.

J. Ross asked to know if the information that was received from the clubs was edited. M. Bradley replied that the handbook committee printed all the submissions they received as they came in and that things that were irrelevant with the club, or included in other parts of the handbook were edited. She also said that a lot of clubs did not submit any content and that the name of the club with the location and phone number was nonetheless included in the handbook.

MOVE TO TABLE MOTION

Moved by: N. Kaminaris
Seconded by: M. Spowart

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

6/5/1

TABLED

C. Kelly said that she is very disappointed with the vote of this motion and that a lot more was expected from the Board. She also said that this is a historic publication for people who do not have a voice in society and that for the first time in university level they are coming out and addressing certain issues that should be commended. She also said that the handbook addresses some very serious issues that exist in society and that CUSA is here to represent the students and recognize their achievements as well. Cynthia further added that the directors should come out of this meeting defending the handbook because it is a historical first.

Motion 567

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors thank the people who produced the handbook, and;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors support freedom of speech and actively condemn censorship, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors condemn any attempts to suppress handbook content.

Moved by: E. Brown
Seconded by: C. Nero

C. Nero said that beyond the question of freedom of speech this motion discourages homophobia, intolerance and prudishness and that it is imperative that the Board of Directors take a stand on these concerns.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION

Moved by: F. Pathyil
Seconded by: E. Brown

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors thank the people who produced the handbook.

H. Farias thanked the handbook committee for the publication of the handbook.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: J. D. Tran
Seconded by: J. Ross

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION

11/0/4

CARRIED

Motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors support freedom of speech and actively condemn censorship.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: S. Desjardins

Seconded by: F. Pathyil

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION

14/0/0

CARRIED

Motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors condemn any attempts to suppress handbook content.

H. Farias asked to know how CUSA actively intends on opposing censorship. L. Grimes replied that the Board of Directors must categorically support the handbook.

C. Nero said that the Board has to take an active role to support the handbook committee who published the information in the handbook and that such material does appear in university publication in the spirit of free and open press.

E. Brown said that this motion was worded as an attempt at a compromise seeing that there are splits of opinion on the Board. She also said that as an editor it is quite possible that she will be brought up on Code of Conduct charges.

M. Spowart said that his concern is that the association was misrepresented by the handbook co-ordinator and E. Brown who said that she was personally responsible for editing the handbook.

M. Bradley asked M. Spowart how he addresses the issue of being misrepresented. M. Spowart replied that he would like the association to release a statement stating that the association did not officially support the introduction as a CUSA position.

M. Bradley said that it is historic event that the CUSA Board of Directors is opposing censorship and that it is the last thing that is needed in the university environment because the curriculum itself is a product of censorship and is a product of institutionalized oppression. She also said that the handbook might appear offensive and pornographic but that this is due to the education system. She also said that the Board should be able to uphold the principles that are supposed to exist in an educational institution in the spirit of enlightenment, freedom of speech, freedom of education, freedom of sexual expression and freedom of the press.

N. Kaminaris said that he supports freedom of speech and that the introduction of the handbook should be something that is representative of students and the association.

H. Farias said that the real answers to this debate are based on one's definition of democracy and tolerance of the

majority towards the minority.

MOVE TO CLOSE THE SPEAKERS LIST

Moved by: S. Desjardins

Seconded by: J. Ross

VOTE ON MOTION TO CLOSE THE SPEAKERS LIST

UNANIMOUS

C. Nero said that a statement against racism is very much a position of CUSA's Board of Directors and has been since 1983. She also said that the idea that everything that is printed in the handbook should be passed by a motion of this Board is disappointing and that the role of the V.P. Communications is to publish the handbook. Charlene further added that M. Bradley was explicit regarding the sections that were going to occur in the handbook and they were discussed at Board meetings and at executive meetings. She also said that the Board should be able to take a position that states that freedom of speech is important.

M. Spowart said that by not suppressing the content of the handbook the Board is giving a free license to the handbook co-ordinators to print articles as in the production of this handbook and misrepresentation on CUSA's position.

The Chair informed the directors that the three hour time limit had exceeded.

MOTION TO EXTEND UNTIL THIS VOTE HAS BEEN TAKEN

Moved by: E. Brown

Seconded by: C. Nero

VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND UNTIL VOTE TAKEN

UNANIMOUS

P. Toone said that he finds this Board very disturbing and that the issue entails oppressing oppressed groups. He also said that there is no mechanism to represent students and that this Board should be looking into ways to properly represent students.

E. Brown said that this motion is her attempt at consensus. H. Farias said that E. Brown has her support should any legal action be taken. He also said that he would like to see CUSA take a more active role in opposing oppression and that he has already thanked the editors for the production of the handbook.

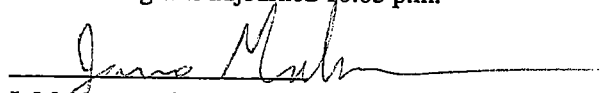
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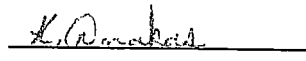
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CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned 10:05 p.m.


J. Makkonen, Chairperson


H. Danakas, Secretary